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Hon. Anthony Ingrassia
Orange County Coroner
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RE: DR. LOUIS ROH

Dear Anthony:

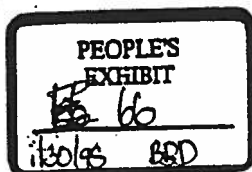
We have had substantial problems with quality of the work of Dr. Louis Roh. In various criminal cases his findings have been either incomplete, inadequate, or erroneous. I cannot in good conscience rely upon his findings in cases where the cause of death is more than a simple gunshot wound or stab wound. All of the Coroners must understand that we need to find a suitable replacement for him who will perform forensic work on behalf of the County of Orange.

There have also been problems with regard to Dr. Roh's fees which, if I thought we would be able to retain him in the future, would be a problem in and of itself. In the meantime it is critical that the Coroners, District Attorney, and members of law enforcement work together to find and retain another forensic pathologist.

I must candidly advise you that if Dr. Roh continues to do forensic work I will be forced to retain an independent forensic pathologist to review all of his autopsy findings. I want to present input from police agencies who are in a better position to articulate the problems we have had. I would like to set up a meeting in early September. Please advise me of a convenient date on which all or most of the Coroners will be able to attend.

Very truly yours,

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